

Wanamaker Cuts Prices to Reduce H. C. L.

Decrease of 20 Per Cent on Majority of Stocks Valued at \$20,000,000, Announced by Merchant

Duty in an Emergency

Asserts Sacrifice of at Least \$4,000,000 Is Made for Relief of the Public

John Wanamaker will join wholeheartedly to-day in the efforts of retailers to reduce prices. He offers his entire stock, valued at \$20,000,000 at a reduction of 20 per cent in price, excluding only about \$500,000 worth of merchandise, which he purchased under restrictions as to price which cannot, he says, be avoided honorably. To maintain this effort as long as possible, Mr. Wanamaker announces, he will spend \$4,000,000 a week "in taking over any desirable merchandise and paying cash for it the day of delivery."

He points out that government investigators have reported that prices still are on the upward trend. His only motive in making this general reduction on all his goods, he says, is "that of a conscientious sense of duty." It is not a "drawing" sale, he explains, in which the prices of some articles are cut to attract purchasers to the store, but a general cut in all prices, made with the intention of discouraging whether it is within the power of the retailer to reduce the cost of living. The cut rates apply at his stores here and in Philadelphia and are to continue for "a limited time" only.

Mr. Wanamaker makes clear in his announcement that a sense of duty in this emergency of soaring living costs impelled his decision.

"Assistance to the public in battling with the rising tide of high prices" is the motive behind a price cutting which will mean a potential sacrifice of at least \$4,000,000, estimating the Wanamaker stocks at upward of \$20,000,000. No new price tags will be placed upon merchandise. Everything from pin to pear, from the finest of fashions, will be sold at 20 per cent off the marked cost.

Detroit Leads Cities in Higher Living Cost

Increase 107.87 Per Cent in Five Years; New York Is Third, With 103.81

During the period from December, 1914, to December, 1919, inclusive, Detroit led fourteen American cities in total increase in the cost of living. In the five-year period the per cent of the increase in Detroit was 107.87. Norfolk was second with 106.98 per cent; New York third with 103.81 per cent; Buffalo fourth with 102.65 per cent. The other ten cities follow according to their ranking: Jacksonville, 102.14; Houston, 101.79; Chicago, 100.61; Savannah, 99.08; Baltimore, 98.40; Philadelphia, 96.49; Cleveland, 95.65; Mobile, 94.54; Boston, 92.30; Portland (Me.), 91.59.

In New York, where the price of a mere onion brings a tear to your eye, the greatest increase in the cost of any item is shown in women's clothing. Female apparel increased in price during the five years by 17 per cent. Men's clothing increased 20.26 per cent. The total increase in other items follows: Furniture and furnishings, 17.92; food, 80.95; fuel and light, 50.63; housing, 23.39.

Louisville Opens Drive Against Reckless Buying

200,000 Are Expected to Sign Pledge to Wear Out Old Clothes and Save Money

LOUISVILLE, May 2.—Leaders of churches and women's clubs and social workers here are engaged in a city-wide drive to induce residents of Louisville to join in a campaign to cut down the cost of living by curtailing reckless buying at high prices. Thousands have already joined, and it is hoped eventually to enlist 200,000 persons.

The movement was inaugurated by club women. It was endorsed and given impetus by the Presbyterian Ministers' Circle, the Crescent Hill Forward Club and the Conference of Social Workers. Churches have approved it and United Trades and Labor Assembly and the Building Trades Council have been asked to join in a permanent organization.

It is proposed to organize a cheaper living committee, to be composed of representatives of many civic organizations.

Mayor George W. Smith has given the movement a semi-official endorsement. The drive is headed by the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Welch, president of the Louisville Ministerial Association, who is aided by a committee, including in its membership a Roman Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, as well as representatives of women's clubs.

"Buy no new clothing, shoes or other wearing apparel," says the platform. "Wear what you have, no matter how shabby or out of style. Reduce the consumption of meat in each household; abstain from candy, soft drinks and confections; deposit money in the bank and keep a record of money saved through practicing economies."

Workers Invite Inquiry

Head of Clothing Makers Denies Wages Cause High Prices

Abraham I. Shipplough, manager of the New York joint board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, yesterday denied the present high cost of clothing is due to high wages paid to members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The business of this organization, said Shipplough, "is open for the inspection of the office of the Attorney General or any other department of the government. We will gladly welcome any responsible commission that is willing to investigate the industry and locate the blame for the high prices."

Protection in Armenia Urged

Resolutions were adopted last night at a pro-Armenia mass meeting in Synod Hall, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, calling on the United States to take steps to protect Armenians in Armenia.

The speakers were the Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, James W. Gerard and Dr. Frederick Coan.

Luchow's Restaurant

1416 St. Peter Fourth Fl.

Three Persons Killed In Auto Accidents

Pennsylvania Insurance Agent Meets Death When Machine Goes Over Embankment

SCRANTON, Pa., May 2.—T. J. Kietly, an insurance agent of Archbald, was instantly killed early to-day when the automobile he was driving skidded over an embankment on the state road, north of this city. Two other persons in the car at the time escaped injury.

SUNBURY, Pa., May 2.—William Whitenight, of Bloomsburg, Pa., was killed and Harold M. Dent and Sterling R. S. Plain, also of Bloomsburg, were injured when their automobile struck a tree near here to-day. They were on their way to Selingsgrove.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., May 2.—Leland Chase, aged fifty-five, a farmer of Rainbow Lake, was killed late last night when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Montreal & Utica train. Charles Merrill, who was riding with him, escaped injury by jumping.

Man Says He Was Shot By Sentry at Hospital

Staten Island Resident Found, Probably Fatally Wounded, Mile From Institution

Robert Morrison, of Clifton, Staten Island, was found yesterday with a bullet wound in his back, sitting on the curb at Oak and Wall streets, Concord, Staten Island. He said a sentry at the Fox Hills military hospital, more than a mile away, had shot him. He was taken to Staten Island Hospital. The wound probably will prove fatal.

Edwin Mills, a soldier who was on guard at the Fox Hills Hospital, said he had seen a man leaving one of the storehouses carrying a bundle that looked like a typewriter. When the man refused to halt, he said, he had fired a shot, but did not think he hit the fugitive, as he kept on running.

Buffalo Yard Strike Broken

Normal Conditions Expected by Roads by To-morrow

BUFFALO, May 2.—Resumption of normal freight conditions in the Buffalo railroad yards is looked for by railroad officials within the next forty-eight hours. About 200 of the striking railroad switchmen returned to work in the yards this morning.

The New York Central Railroad reported normal freight movements and approximately 50 per cent normal conditions. The men returning to work on the railroad do so as new employees, by an ultimatum issued by the railroad on Friday.

The deadlock in the tie-up of the Buffalo harbor continued to-day.

Chinese to Open Frontier

Agreement With Russia Paves Way for Exports and Imports

MOSCOW, May 2.—A Chinese diplomatic and military mission, accompanied by a number of merchants, which arrived at Verkhnie Udinsk, Transbaikalia April 24, has reached an agreement with the representatives of the Russian and Transbaikalian governments by which the Russo-Chinese frontier is to be opened for exports and imports. Inherent rights of the Manchurian Railway were recognized and a guarantee was given for the withdrawal of the Chinese troops along the railway line. The Chinese pledged to refuse passage across the frontier to troops of General Semenov. The reestablishment of diplomatic relations is to take effect immediately.

A commercial treaty has been completed with Turkestan by a mission sent from Peking and an exchange of goods between China and Turkestan has begun.

French Aviator Missing

NICE, April 30.—The French aviator Renaud, one of the competitors in the trans-Mediterranean flight from Monaco to Bizerte, Tunis, and back, is missing since he felt Cagliari yesterday afternoon. Cagliari is in the southern part of the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean. Destroyers have been sent out to search for him.

Hopeful Fat Ones Watch Chicago Reducing Classes

Reasonable Exercise and Strictly Controlled Diet Are Main Features of Course, Which Shows Fine Results After Week's Trial by Two Dozen Women

CHICAGO, May 2.—Fat persons over the United States are watching the sixty-day experiment in reducing weight which is being conducted here under the supervision of Dr. John Hill Robertson, City Health Commissioner. Success reported in the first week, when the average weight of the twenty-four women composing the first class was reduced by 8.3 pounds, has prompted the organization of other classes in this city and altogether more than two hundred persons here are trying to see how rapidly they can reduce.

The leaders of the fat elimination contest here aver the experiment can be tried by any one suffering from a surplus of adiposities. Reasonable exercise and a strictly controlled diet constitute the chief features of the experiment.

The menu of the reducing class are prepared by Miss Ruth Wilbur, of the Health Commissioner's training school for nurses. Those in the classes are permitted to have lean meat but once a day and potatoes are forbidden.

Here is a typical menu for one day: Breakfast—One medium apple, one egg, one slice of toast, one cup of coffee with one and a half tablespoons of skimmed milk instead of cream. 10:30 a. m.—Half-cup of bouillon with one cracker.

Luncheon—Medium serving of lean cold roast beef, two thin slices of rye bread, lettuce and cottage cheese salad, two and one-half tablespoons of French dressing, tea with lemon, one cracker.

Dinner—Large serving of boiled cod with lemon; large serving of plain cauliflower; one scant teaspoonful of butter; lettuce salad or celery; one-half orange; black coffee.

10:30 p. m.—One-half cup hot skim milk.

Each of the women is expected to work an hour a day in her garden—if she has a garden—otherwise to take long walks and setting up exercises. Daily the women report by telephone and receive instructions, including a diet for the following day. On Thursday of each week they report at the city hall and are weighed, and the week's loss—or gain—recorded on their charts.

The twenty-four women in the first class averaged in weight at the start of the experiment, 201.66 pounds, 65.83 pounds more than their average normal weight, and Dr. Robertson says he expects to take approximately forty of those pounds from each woman.

The leader of the class is Mrs. Nellie Leonard, aged thirty-two, a typist, who weighed 323 pounds but lost eight pounds in the first seven days. Her normal weight is 141 pounds.

Miss Catherine Scott, aged twenty-eight, also a typist, is the lightest of the class. She weighed in at 165½ and her normal weight was calculated at 121. She stands just a half inch above five feet.

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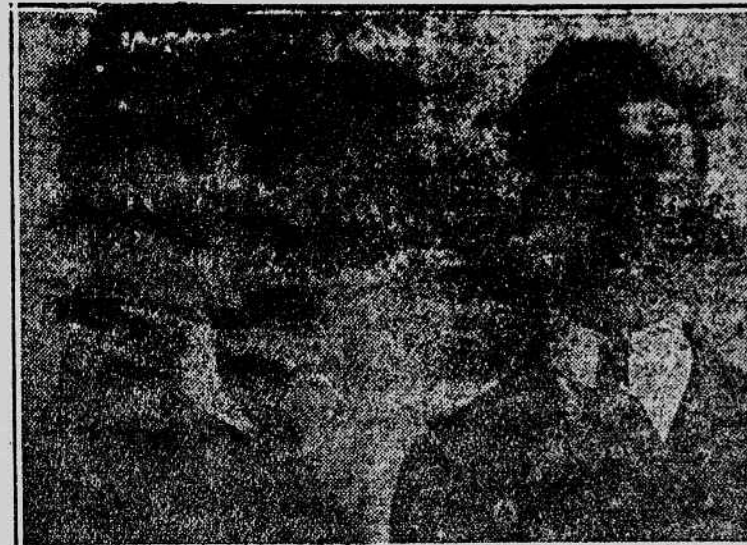
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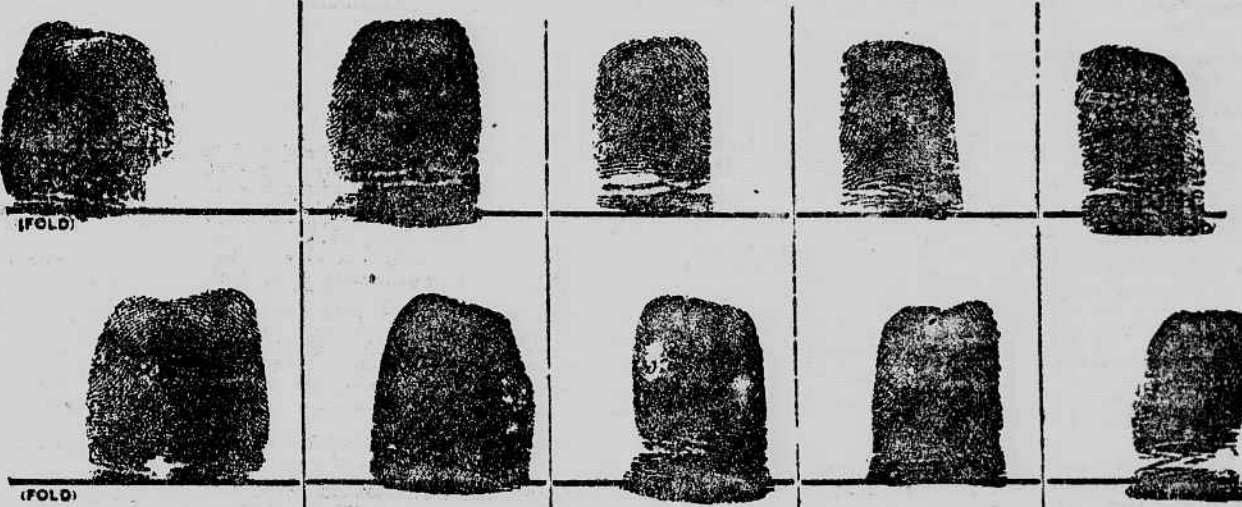
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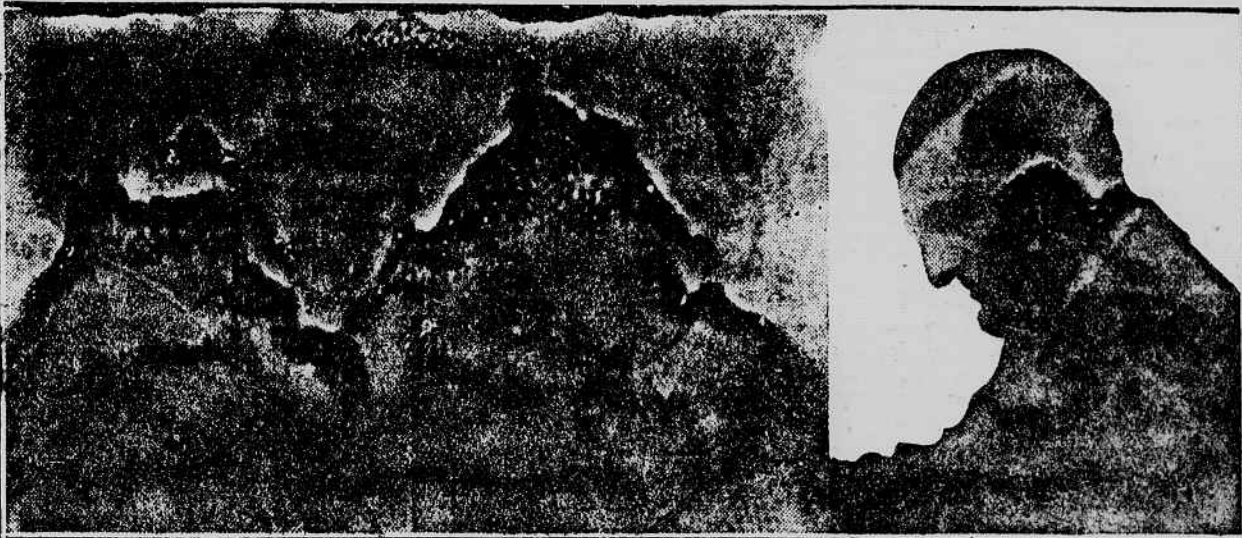
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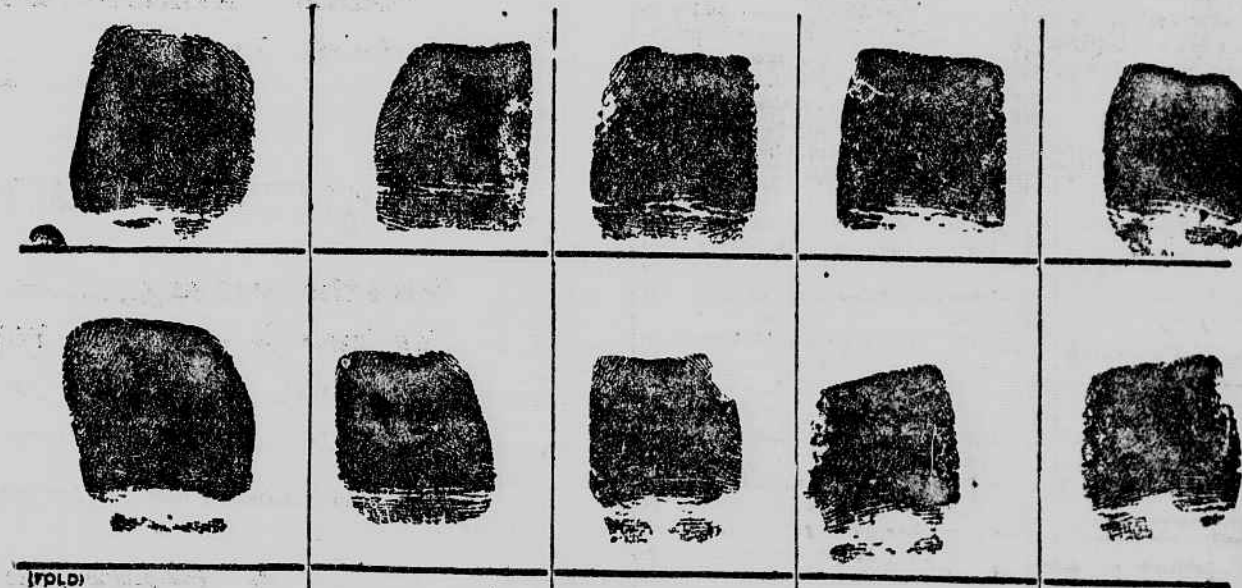
JULES W. ARNSTEIN, or ARNDSTEIN, alias "Nick," J. W. Arnold, Adair, Ames and George RIGHT HAND



Description: Age 42 years; height 6 feet 1½ inches, weight 160 pounds, brown hair, gray eyes, brown moustache, medium complexion; has the appearance of an Englishman; erect walk; frequents first-class hotels and gambling houses. Husband of Fannie Brice, the actress.



NICHOLAS COHN, alias HARRY DAVIS, "BIG NICK" and MACK RIGHT HAND



DESCRIPTION—Age, 42 years; height, 5 feet, 9 inches; weight, 200 pounds; dark brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion; pickpocket, confidence man and wire tapper.

The above named are charged with the larceny and concealment of a large amount of negotiable securities. If located, arrest, hold and wire the undersigned or Detective Division, Police Headquarters, New York City.

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